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FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship.

"KWANTUNG."

Captain Abbott will be despatched for the above Ports to-morrow (now), the 13th instant, at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 11th February, 1880. 280

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship.

"DIAMANTE."

Captain Callan will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 14th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BOUSSET & Co., Hongkong, 12th February, 1880. 280

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship.

"GLENGYLE."

Captain Quarry will be despatched as above on about the 2nd instant.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGEERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamship.

"VOLGA."

Captain Guirard will be despatched for the above Port on Saturday, the 14th inst., at 3 P.M.

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Commandant Rolland will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

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It has been compiled from the MOST AUTHEN-
TIC SOURCES, and no pains have been spared to
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Dictionary and as a Work of Reference on Com-
mercial Matters.Various additions have been made, tending to
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HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [31]NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on general matters should be
addressed to "The Editor," in those on business to
"The Manager," and to "Advertiser," in those
advertisements which are not ordered for a fixed
period will be confined until countermanded.All letters for publication should be written or on
one side of the paper only.The steamship *Tyne*, Commander John
E. Stockes, arrived here yesterday afternoon from
Portsmouth, after having experienced very fine
weather during the whole voyage, with the ex-
ception of a stiff gale in the Mediterranean on
Christmas Day, which was rather a dampener upon
those who intended to be jovial and keep up the
great English festival. The *Tyne* left Port-
smouth on the 1st December, and, touching Quiberon,
which is left on the 11th, made the Bay of Biscay
on the 18th, and the straits of Gibraltar on the
19th. The *Tyne* is now at anchor in the harbor of
Algeciras, and is expected to be in port on the
21st. The *Tyne* will probably leave here in
a week, taking on board naval and military
families and time-expired men.HAKIM KHAN alone before Tash Kurgan
with his 1,600 men. Compelled to raise
the siege, HAKIM KHAN marched to the
camping ground of KUIMUH, where he gave
orders for the plundering of all the cattle and
property of his late allies. The lion's share
fell to HAKIM KHAN, and was immediately
offered by him to an inhabitant of Osh, who
had lost him 16,000 rupees for the expenses
of the insurrection. His creditor, however,
refused to accept the cattle in payment of
the debt; KUIMUH hastened to join the
Chinese, and on the 21st September fell,
upon the heavily-weighted head of HAKIM
KHAN in the valley of KIZIL ART, and gener-
ated all the cattle and property. More
than 3,000 of HAKIM KHAN's people were
killed, and to himself with fifteen horsemen
fled to Karatagh, intending to proceed
thither to Bokhara. This was the last attempt
for some years to come, probably, having re-
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mander Charles E. D. Willcox, leaves here to-
day for home, via Singapore.The paddle despatch-vessel *Vigilant*, 2. Lieut-
Commander Ainsdale, arrived at Singapore on
the 2nd inst.It was rumoured yesterday in naval circles
that the *Cornwall* is not coming on to China, but
going to Australia.The double screw iron-vessel *Grouse*, 4. Com-
mander Charles E. D. Willcox, leaves here to-
day for home, via Singapore.Relative to the attack upon Mrs. Schraub at
the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday morning, we
note that Messrs. Dorobies and Hingkee offered
a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of Wong
Akon, the prisoner arrested by P.C. 250.The Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steam-
boat Company have postponed the departure of
the steamer *White Cloud* from two to four o'clock
p.m. for the purpose of conveying a large number
of passengers to Macao to witness the grand
annual procession of the Cross, which that
day occurs at the south of their Hongkong
station, in reference to the start of the procession
I said no. They then went away and told me not to
be uneasy at not having a key to my door as
he was the watchman on that landing. I then
went to bed, and after a short time I observed
that the door of my room was opened about a
foot, and I could just make out the form of a man
creeping down outside. At first I was rather
alarmed and spoke to my daughter, but I thought
it was a thief and went to my door and called out
to get the door open. She then said "It is a thief
and take notice of him." When I observed
that he was over one of the boys, the second passenger,
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FATAL GUN ACCIDENT ON BOARD
H.M.S. "COLUMBIA".

An inquest on the body of a seaman who died from injuries sustained on the *Columbina* was held on Friday evening at Portland on the body of Robert S. Hawkins, who died from injuries sustained on the *Columbina* on the 1st inst. by the explosion of some cartridges in a Nordenfelt gun of which he was the captain. One of the cartridge chambers entered his arm. He was brought ashore and taken to the Naval Hospital. Progressing favourably until the following Sunday, when he became worse, mortification then set in, and on Monday his arm was amputated, but he died.

James D. Smith, an ordinary seaman on board the *Columbina*, said that on the 1st instant the crew were at general quarters, and he was dozing being on the poop near the gun of which deceased was the captain. The chaplain, who was on the poop, wanted to see the working of the gun, when he instructed witness to show the way, and led it in a ready position. He remained by the gun for 20 minutes, when he heard a report, and the report of the gun, which he had not touched, the gun was told he could do. He did not remain, but touching the bell-stop took, but supposed he must, as the gun exploded immediately, he leaped in the "hopper" which held 40 cartridges. He was thrown from the poop to the deck, and was insensible for a moment or two. The deceased was injured in the right arm.

Captain East, commanding of the *Columbina* stated that the gun had been put into general quarters in the West Bay. After this exercise was finished, he intended to go through the drill of defeating the ship against a supposed attack of torpedo boats, and for this purpose the Nordenfelt gun would have been brought into action, but no order was given for loading, more especially as the first time the gun had been used, it had gone off at the first fire, and he had to be called to the "hopper" and takes the cartridges out. The man must have touched the half-cock which governed the springs, causing the cartridges which were only half in the chamber, to be fired, and the breech not being closed one or two of the cartridges exploded backwards, causing an explosion in the hopper. One man was sufficient to attend to the gun, another one being to stand by to take the cartridges out. The man who had been appointed for this duty, the first of the day, had before various engagements for the last six or seven years, and although thousands of rounds had been fired from them he had never heard of an accident before. The machinery was so simple that it could not get out of order.

The Coroner (Mr. R. H. Howard), in summing up, exonerated the inventor of the gun from all blame in the matter, and the jury returned a verdict that it was due to his own carelessness that the gun had exploded from the accidental discharge of the gun, but said no blame was attached to anyone.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 11th February.
EXPORT CARGO.

Per *Geelong*, for London—350 bales silk, 22 bales waste silk, 51 bales punges, 604 half-chests, 611 chests, 49 pieces tea, and 374 cases of tobacco, 174 boxes, 747 bales silk, 6 cases 100 pieces, and 10 bags sandalas. For New York—22 bales silk.

EXCHANGES.

IN LONDON—Bank Bills, on demand, 364; Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight, 324; Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 310; Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 310; On BOMBAY—Bank, or demand, 225; On CALCUTTA—Bank, or demand, 225; On SHANGHAI—Bank, sight, 734; Private, 30 days' sight, 734.

SHADES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—60 per cent. premium, nominal.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$4,225 per share.

China "Traders" Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,50 per share.

North China Insurance—The, 1,200 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—The, 355 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$300 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$25 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—The, 188.

Hongkong and Shanghai Dock Company's Shares—30 per cent. premium.

Hongkong and Shanghai Steamboat Co. Shares—\$22 per share premium.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—The, 10 per share.

China Coast Steam Navigation Company—The, 107 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$65 per share.

China Suez Receiving Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

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EXTRACTS.

BILL AND JOE.

Come, dear old comrade, you and I
Will steal an hour from day gone by—
The shining days when life was new,
And all was bright as morning dew,
The sunny days of long ago.
When you were Bill and I was Joe,
Your name may faint a titled trail,
Ioud as a cockerel's rainbow tail;
And mine a brief uprooted weed
As Tim O'Shafer's huckster mate;
To-day, old friend, remember still
That I am Joe and you are Bill.
You're won the great world's envied prize,
And grand you look in people's eyes,
With H. O. and L. L. D.,
In big letters ready to see—
Your self, old fellow, of they get—
How are you, Bill? How are you, Joe?
You've won the Judge's envied robe;
You've taught your name to half the globe;
You've won mankind a dothless strain;
You've made the dead live again;
The world may call you what it will,
But you and I are Joe and Bill.
The cheery young folks stand and say,
"See those old bairns, bent and gray;
They talk like children in their tones!"
Mad, poor old bairns! That's what it means!"
And shake their heads, they little know
The throbbing heart of Bill and Joe.
How Bill forgets his hour of pride—
While Joe sits smiling at his side;
How Joe, in spite of time's diagnosis,
Finds the old recluse in his eyes—
These calm stony eyes that melt and all
As Joe looks fondly up at Bill.
Ah, penitive sutor, what is fate?
A fatal cupon of lapsing flame!
A giddy whirlwind's dizzy sight
That fits a pluck of mortal dust,
A few swift years, and who can show,
Which side was Bill and which was Joe?
The weary old fad took his stand,
Holds off his bruised and aching land,
While gaping thousands come and go—
How vain it seems, this empty show!
Till all at once his pulses thrill—
Tis poor old Joe: "God bless you, Bill!"

And shall we breath in happier shores

The names that pleased our mortal ears,

In some sweet hill of harp and song,

For earth-born spirits now nod long—

—Till whispering of the world below,

—Where this was Bill, and that was Joe?

No master, while our home is here

No sounding name is half so dear;

When fades at length our lingering day,

Who can those pompos tombs assay?

Read on the hearts that love us still,

Hic jacet Joe: His good Bill.

OLIVER WENDELL HOMERS.

A MULE THAT WASN'T FOR SALE.

He was showing the man, the new bay mule that he was working in a team with the old grey. "You warn't him sound and perfectly kind, and gentle?" the man said. "Perfectly," said Farmer John. "My wife and children drive him, and he is a perfect pet, comes into the house like a dog," "Easy to show," asked the man. "Well, I guess so; fact is, I never had him shot. I don't believe in it; he works better without it," replied Farmer John. "How does he act when you put the crupper on?" asked the man. Farmer John hesitated. "Well, pretty good, I guess," he said; "fact is, I never put it on." "How does it get on?" asked the man. "Who put it on?" "Well, I kind of don't know," said Farmer John; "fact is, he had the harness on when I got him, at it, I'm so well, and he seemed to be so kind of contented to it, like, that I sort of never took off it him." "And how long have you had him," asked the man. Farmer John chewed a wheat straw very meditatively. "Well," he said, "not to exceed more'n two year, mebbe." And the man backed a little further away, and said he would "sort of look around a little further before he bought, like." And Farmer John never saw him again, nor even into this day.

SWEDISH MEALS.

The Swedes have a queer way of locomotion at their meals. They often sit about like flies, from one table to another, and sometimes seem to turn the menu topsy-turvy when they order a repeat. It is no rare thing to see them begin with cheese and biscuit, next proceed to ham and salad, with a slice of meat to follow, and then suddenly start in the middle of their dinner to swallow, while they walk about a plateau of pea soup. A habit which they have of beginning each repast with what they call "smörgröss," not merely loads to "much untidiness at mealtime, but makes them seem contented to live on bits and scraps. The "smörgröss" consists of little dishes, such as slices of ham, roe, pickles, cheese, and other relishes, provided for thirst. These are fished out with a fork of general utility, and laid on thin pieces of rye cake, thickly smeared with butter, which serve by way of plate. Then they are bitten into, regardless of the fragments which may fall on other dishes (for your true "smörgröss" enter seldom into his rump), and they are finally washed down with a glass or two of spirits which stand handy by their side. Such a prelude to a meal is not merely ugly, but must vitiate the palate, and injure the digestion. Indeed, I feel convinced, not merely would the cookery in Sweden soon improve, but very many of the people would be gradually weaned from their weakness for strong drink. —All the Year Round.

THE KANE GREYER.

The Kane Geyser, or spouting water well, has lately attracted much attention from the sight-seeing public. Some exact data regarding this well are furnished in a recent notice by Mr. Ashburner. The well is situated in the valley of Wideon's Run, near the Philadelphia and Erie railway line, and four miles south-east from Kane. It was drilled in the spring of 1878 to a depth of 2,000 feet, but as no petroleum was found in Taving quantities, the casing was drawn and the hole abandoned. In drilling, fresh-water veins were met with down to 364 feet, which was the limit of the casing. At 1,415 feet a very heavy "raw-water" was struck, and this was allowed free escape while the drilling was continued to 2,000 feet. When the well was abandoned, the fresh water flowed in, and the conflict between the water and gas commenced. The water flows into the well, when I first saw fish of 25 lbs. and 40 lbs., rising freely to natural size and making the small fry swim like flying fish over the rippled water. I was used to catch them. But unfortunately for me it was the dry season, the river was low, the water clear as crystal, and long ere I could see the fish of course they had gone. I tried nets and sticks, shallow and deep, with dip, with spear, with natural bait and artificial spinner, but all in vain. The fish would play round the sides of the table, and at his right hand was the colour of the tub, over which a boy known as the "tear" presided. Prior to each impression the boy spread some of the colour evenly over a cloth stretched on an aspherical tub. But the rain, the load for me, came at last, and then I got my first blood. A slight dash and discolouration of the water after the mixture can be readily ignited. After nightfall the spiculae is great. The antagonistic elements of fire and water are so curiously blended that each seems to be fighting for the mastery. At one moment the flame is almost entirely extinguished, only to burst forth at the next, with increased energy and greater brilliancy. During sunrise the spray forms an artificial rainbow, and in winter the columns become inclosed in huge luminous ice columns. Great industries of Great Britain.

THE MORNING TUB.

Attention has recently been called to the possible bad effects of a cold bath taken without due precautions at this season of the year. This would seem to be an amplification of remarks we offered a few weeks ago on one of the contingencies of sudden immersion in cold water—namely, depression of the vital powers. That such a danger exists does not admit of question. The old and the weakly of any age, should not be exposed to the risk of too sudden or too prolonged cold-bathing. It is never advantageous to plunge the body into cold water, to employ cold affusions, unless the prompt effect is to stimulate the vessels of the surface and promote the circulation through the skin. This effect should not be deferred. Too much faith is commonly placed in what is called the reaction—namely, the return of heat to the skin after the contraction of the vessels produced by the application of the cold. In perfect health the pallor is instantaneous and immediate, followed by increased redness of the surface. When this is not the result, cold bathing or cold affusion ought to be avoided. It cannot possibly be other useful wise. No measure, such as standing in warm or tepid water, will suffice to renew the cold water skin, and it is only prudent to discontinue it, unless the almost instant effect is to increase the rapidity and volume of the circulation through the skin. When the exposure of parts of the body is healthily the surface is reddened. This is the test. Whiteness or blueness are indications that cold is inadmissible. Some persons delude themselves by producing a faint redness by hard rubbing with a coarse towel. The circulation thus excited is only temporary, and the effect of cold on the nerve centres is masked, not changed by the device. Better far use warm water to wash with, and sprinkle a little cold lightly, only in such quantity to be agreeable, over the surface, if cold affusion does not at once cause florid redness and a "glow." There is no virtue in the "cold bath" except the fact that he was master of it. Many a time did I fear something would go and I should lose him, but all the tackle stood to the strain right well. Arm and rod and line all played their part, and at last he clean and game a 27-pounder as I have ever had to yield, not without one final desperate struggle when I thought I had him safe in hand, to the gaff. Once the cold steel was in him, I had my prize into the boat in a moment, and it was as fast as a comet.

I have killed many a larger fish since, but I still cling fondly to the recollection of the day I took "my first Mahseer."—THE OLD ECOSA, in the Asian.

LAUGHTER AS A MEDICINE.

Though not the remotest corner or little inlet of the minute blood vessels of the human body which does not feel some twinge from the convulsions occasioned by good hearty laughter. The life principle, or the earthly man, is shaken by the inmost depths, during new tides of life and strength to the surface, thus materially tending to insure good health to the person who indulges good laughter. The blood moves more rapidly, and conveys a different impression to all the organs of the body, as it visits them on that particular mystic journey when the man is laughing, from what it does at other times. For this reason every good hearty laugh in which a person indulges lengthens his life, conveying as it does new and distinct stimulus to the vital forces.

THE COAL PRODUCE OF EUROPE.

One of the colliery journals gives a series of figures intended to show the present comparative state of coal working throughout north-western Europe and the various rates of development in the different districts of late years. These statistics refer to seven localities of different parts of Europe, and give the output for the year 1878. England, of course, is far in advance of any other European coal-producing country, having raised during the year the stupendous quantity of nearly 133 million tons. The next is Westphalia, which, in the same period, had a total output of only a little over 20 million tons. The district comprising Hanover and Nauur comes next with about 111 millions, northern France turns out a little under 7 millions, Sar nearly 42 millions, Liège 32 millions, and Aachen something over 1 million tons. With the exception of Westphalia, every one of these coal countries increased its production as compared with 1877, and as compared with 1860 all of them show very considerable development. England in 1860 produced less than 80 million tons; northern France, instead of 7 millions, had under 24 million tons; and Liège, with 32 millions on 1878, had in 1860 considerably under 2 millions. The most rapid development, however, has been that of Westphalia, which in the period since 1866 has more than quadrupled its yield, having raised in that year less than 42 million tons. According to the Colliery Journal it is this Westphalian coal which is driving English fuel from Holland and the German ports, while Belgian coal is worshipping in France. Our yield was in 1797 less by 2 million tons than it was in 1877, while the comparatively unimportant district of Sar fell back by some 30,000 tons. —Globe.

CALICO PRINTING IN THE OLD STYLE.

Block printing was a tedious and expensive process, compared with the machine printing of the present time. The blocks first used were of sycamore, and they measured only ten inches by five, many applications being necessary to cover even a single piece of cloth. The pattern was engraved on the face of the block in such a manner that the impressions made by successive applications hardly met, and gave the design a continuous appearance. Owing to the softness of the wood, and the rapidity with which it wore down, very fine lines could not be used in a design, consequently there was a lack of that delicacy of appearance which characterizes more recently printed clothes. Many attempts were made to increase the productive power of the block, and also to render it durable. The most satisfactory plan for meeting the latter requirement was the use of fillets of copper to form the pattern. These were obtained by flattening copper wire, and having bent to the outline of the pattern drawn on the block, they were driven into the wood. Small spots were formed by using pieces of wire of various sizes and sections. This was a great advance, and opened a new field for the ingenuity of the designer. With the copper wire the most delicate lines and sprays could be produced, and when leaves or forms other than outlines had to be depicted they were readily formed on the block by making an outline of the wire and filling it with foil, which in working gave all the effect of a wooden surface. The appliances of the block printer were few and simple, consisting of a table, colour tub, and the block. The table was composed of a smooth stone slab covered with flannel. At one end of it a roller, on which the cloth to be printed was wound, was mounted, and at the other some rods of wood were fixed near the roof, over which the cloth was hung to dry, as it was printed.

My bungalow was near the Borne, and when I first saw fish of 25 lbs. and 40 lbs., rising freely to natural size and making the small fry swim like flying fish over the rippled water. I was used to catch them. But unfortunately for me it was the dry season, the river was low, the water clear as crystal, and long ere I could see the fish of course they had gone. I tried nets and sticks, shallow and deep, with dip, with spear, with natural bait and artificial spinner, but all in vain. The fish would play round the sides of the table, and at his right hand was the colour of the tub, over which a boy known as the "tear" presided. Prior to each impression the boy spread some of the colour evenly over a cloth stretched on an aspherical tub.

But the rain, the load for me, came at last, and then I got my first blood. A slight dash and discolouration of the water after the mixture can be readily ignited. After nightfall the spiculae is great. The antagonistic elements of fire and water are so curiously blended that each seems to be fighting for the mastery. At one moment the flame is almost entirely extinguished, only to burst forth at the next, with increased energy and greater brilliancy. During sunrise the spray forms an artificial rainbow, and in winter the columns become inclosed in huge luminous ice columns. Great industries of Great Britain.

A couple of casts were needed to get the right spin of the bat, and then for my first real venture I selected what I knew to be the best ground for a big fish, a rapid with deep water between two huge rocks, "Gog and Magog" rising up in mid stream.

One of these I took my stand, made my cast, and anxiously watched the ball glancing and twisting through the rushing waters. At my fourth cast it was my ball was coming across the current just above a deep hole, with a dart and a flail. I saw a right good fish come at it, and simultaneously my rod was almost jerked out of my hand. No need for striking. I was well in before I knew it, and away down the rapid he went with a rush like an arrow, making my reel whirl again, and my rod stiff as it was, bend like a whip.

Of course the boat that brought me to the rock was ready. To have attempted to play a fish from the rock with the current at his favour would have only been sheer waste of time and tackle. Into the boat I scrambled, knocking over one of the boats in my hand. No need for striking. I was well in before I knew it, and away down the river, and down stream we went after the fugitive, who was already 60 yards away, and the reel going like lightning.

Once the boat I soon began to get a little line in hand and recover my scattered line, and then followed 25 minutes of hard fighting on both sides. Backwards and forwards, now across stream, now up, now down, now a moment's pull, then with a tumultuous rush taking 50 yards of line right off the reel and again darting in towards the boat and making me fear that something would catch in the bagging-line, and trying every trick he was master of. Many a time did I fear something would go and I should lose him, but all the tackle stood to the strain right well. Arm and rod and line all played their part, and at last he clean and game a 27-pounder as I have ever had to yield, not without one final desperate struggle when I thought I had him safe in hand, to the gaff. Once the cold steel was in him, I had my prize into the boat in a moment, and it was as fast as a comet.

I have killed many a larger fish since, but I still cling fondly to the recollection of the day I took "my first Mahseer."—THE OLD ECOSA, in the Asian.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

As Bartered by CHINCHIN on the 12th Feb., 1886.

COTTON GOODS.

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Cotton Yarn, No. 10 to 24, per 40 lbs. \$2.50 to 4.20
Cotton Yarn, No. 25 to 32, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 33 to 42, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 43 to 52, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 53 to 62, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 63 to 72, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 73 to 82, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 83 to 92, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 93 to 102, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 103 to 112, per 40 lbs. \$2.75 to 4.00
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